elightly if allowed to continue without some special treatment. Of course the simplest way to handle these plants is to fertilize them liberally from year to year and especially when they are seen to be on the wane, but this is really only palliative treatment; it does not get rid of the cause of the failure. The real reason for decline is that the plants have used up elements in the soil which cannot be conveniently replaced. Usually they are poorest in the centres of the clumps, although practically the whole clump may show

signs of deterioration. Another reason for renovating such plants is that in spite of the best of care such vile weeds as quack grass, perennial morning glory and similar plants, which fill the soil with underground stems, become so mixed with the flowering herbs that they rob the latter of the food which would normally attend to the production of good flowers. When these weeds once get in a clump of perennial herbs there is only one thing left to do, namely, to dig up the whole clump, break it in pleces and remove every least particle of the weeds, for with all such weeds as have these jointed underground stems (popularly called roots) each joint is capable of producing a new ing it is essential to do the work of

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Perennial phloxes often grow inferior in their centres and begin to the lifted out the spade should be dividual, and the seedmen would much the county's best to the State exhibit.

Successful place their farms on a mangiven for the second rising under the ufacturing basis, producing as nearly cases they should be dug up and cut to side and from to to leave the small ones. Yet I hear some one of the biggest developments in the aspectation and the second rising under the state exhibit.

The State exhibit profiles to be one of the second rising under the ufacturing basis, producing as nearly as possible everything they require the small ones. Yet I hear some one of the biggest developments in the same basis in the same than the second rising under the state exhibit. cases they should be dug up and cut to side and from top to bottom. This say, "If I do this I will not get boys and girls work and will give and marketing at best prices all they in several pieces for replanting. The may be done twice at right angles, the varieties I want." That may be each one an opportunity to compete produce, two points farmers give little best way to do this is to thrust a thus making four small clumps, each long bladed spade full depth in the of which will be capable of producing many we do not want in order to get A total of 13,000 boys and girls was soil on every side of the plant and at the same kind of flowers as the origi- any at all of some species. In so do- enrolled in projection and conservaa distance of, say, a foot from the nal plants. The pieces may then be clump. Then if the clump is too large planted in new positions, preferably we shall like even better than the old activities which were most popular

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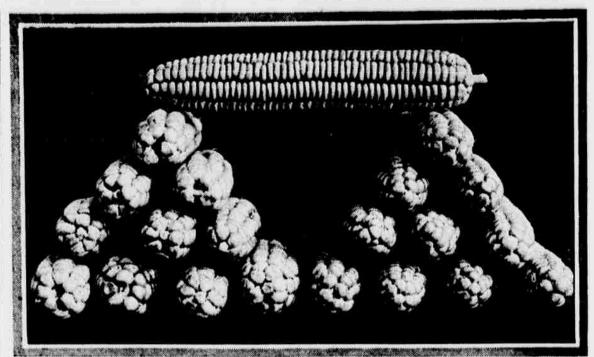
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The consent of parents or guardians

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A State boys' and girls' exhibit will be held in Connecticut this year for the

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be eligible to exhibit their produce

Only club members will be eligible to

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embers of the Junior Food Army wil

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take up the work.

e-half an acre of corn, one-eighth

000 can be produced.

to 18 years of age in a food army.

in good rich seil, and allowed to grow as before. The same method may be quainted. practised with Bocconia (plume poppy), zebra grass, bleeding heart and similar herbaceous perennials, in every case the work being done in early spring. preferably before any signs of growth

The one conspicuous exception to this is the peony. This plant should never be transplanted in spring unless it is impossible to arrange for transplanting in late August, September or early October, a period of about six weeks, during which the tops die down and the roots are inactive. New roots begin to form between the first of October and the latter part of the as they might have. A comparison. The best average profits were made month, and these continue more or less until the ground freezes hard. Hence it will be seen that any molestation of the plants in the spring will destroy the roots, check and perhaps even kill

and ornamental trees. Shrubs, etc. up there will be a large loss of roots.

> To grow good parsnips prepare the soil deeply, make it rich, deep and mellow. Three feet is the proper depth careful not to bring the bottom soil

By A. T. STEVENS, Connecticut Agricultural College.

It will be well to club community or grange or other organization orders mmunity is no more than for one in-



It is planned that each county will hold an exhibit previous to the State exhibit and, through elimination, bring

to be lifted out the spade should be | dividual, and the seedmen would much | the county's best to the State exhibit true. We may be compelled to take for a prize.

> ones with which we are so well ac- were the garden and pig club work Of the total enrollment, the garden In clubbing orders say to the seed- club claimed over 11,500 and the pig man send me three pounds or forty- club about 550 boys and girls. The cight ounce packets of yellow globe other activities comprised the growing Danvers or some good yellow onion of corn, potatoes, tomatoes, poultry seed or of Red Wethersfield, or some and also bread making, canning and red onion. Send ten or twenty quarts sewing.

> of Notts Excelsior or some early wrin- At the present time, reports have kied slow growing pea or the same of been received from about 6,900 club some later maturing either low or high members who report over \$120,000 growing, as Heroine or Dwarf Tele- worth of foodstuff produced and conphone. Also four or five pounds of served, or an average production of extra early Egyptian beet or some about \$19 each. These figures indicate early red turnip variety. Here would that well over \$200,000 worth of foodbe a good opportunity to let them send stuffs were produced and conserved by a few ounces of several varieties, such the patriotic boys and girls.

could then be made and something by corn club members, who made an better than ever before could be found, average of \$52.36 an acre. Seventeen Have them put in about the same boys enrolled in the Ridgefield potato amount of some good table carrot. All ciub, each boy taking the regular workwer to make a contract, see the theirs at home. All seventeen of these flour. plant growers and arrange for a sup- boys carried their work through to ply of early cabbage plants of say completion and obtained an average Early Copenhagen or for later succes- yield of thirty bushels on a plot of and the flavor is preferred by many to rion. Also arrange for the tomato one-eighth of an acre, or at the rate bread made wholly of wheat. It conplants. It being early now it might of 240 bushels an acre. The average be possible to make arrangements to value a plot was \$44, the average cost bread and therefore keeps longer. Use have just the very varieties wanted \$11.80, leaving an average profit of All the old bulbs that have survived started. The grower will be willing \$32.20 a plot. These boys obtained small potatoes, their usefulness and the dead roots to contract to grow several thousand better average yields than did either. As potato flo

There are ideas in the systematic Sweet corn seed will be a short crop, boys and girls' work of Connecticut for much of the Western country, that might be taken up by other States to advantage.

## RETAIL PUBLIC MARKETS.

Public market places where nearby seed ripened last year. It so why not farmers can sell perishable food prod- susar, two cakes compressed yeast, use them for seed this year. They ucts direct to consumers offer a most four tablespoons water. practical solution to some problems of Wash thoroughly and boil in their than any other of the hardy bulbs and materially for one season so long as food conservation. During the year skins about twelve potatoes of me-1916 such market places were estab- dium size. Cook them until they are eason the new bulb or corm forms some are marked differently than lished in sixteen municipalities in New Very tender. Drain, peel and mash others. They may taste just as good Jersey. Constant study of their opera- them while hot, being careful to leave tions and reports from those in charge no lumps. Allow the mashed potato of them have induced the Bureau of to cool to 86 degrees F, or until luke-Markets of the State Department of warm.

It cannot offer lower prices than re-

Get the seed catalogue and spend an above which retailers cannot go. This tate. Next add the sait, the sugar and evening on the seed list and get the is bound to be the result of ordinary about four concess of the flour (orneighbors to come over on one of those | competition,

so that the seedman may have a fail apples. &c., which oftentimes are add any more water at this stage. not worth shipping to distant markets, chance to get it back to you on time.

der the direction of the Connecticut a way as to pay all expenses but withserved on an average \$19 worth of foodstuffs. If the average can be

promotion of thrift and will be supperiod of unusual conditions.

It saves transportation. Many instances have been found where farm one-half his time to work with boys products have travelled fifty miles and remainder of the flour, kneading therbeen finally consumed within five miles and girls in each county, and many communities have made arrangements of the place where they were produced. A public market place lowers the

ceived by growers. State Council of Defence has approved It provides an inducement for thrifty a plan for a junior food army along persons to do their shopping personboy and girl in the State who can proally, pay cash and carry their goods duce or conserve food.

The 200,000 boys and girls of Con-

A public market place increases the consumption of perishables because

upon the supply of them. A retail public market should have

nearby farmers and housewives. It should be started in a humble way and located where the working people of the ball of dough in the tumbler can get to it easily. army. Those who come through the can get to it easily.

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The value of manure is increased by he high cost of commercial fertilizers. aquid manure is relatively more rich han the solid in nitrogen and potash Mature meat animals return in the nanure three-fourths of the nitrogen and the phosphorus and four-fifths of return less than half the nitrogen and smaller percentage than meat antmals of the mineral constituents. When combined with acid phosphate manure makes a complete fertilizer and this is one of the best possible combinations for almost any crop on cerly all soils.

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I am aware that this is "easier said successful place their farms on a manor no consideration. I am of the opinion that one acre

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porated with the fine ploughed section of the soil. The more porous and better drained the soil the deeper manure can be ploughed under,

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## POTATOES IN BREAD MAKING

In Europe potato flour is largely used in bread making mixed with wheat flour because the bread keeps should specify here would be that ing unit of one-eighth acre. Twelve moist longer than bread made from do not like a long carrot for this. of the boys grew their potatoes in a all wheat flour. It may also be that Have some one as a committee, with community plot, the other five raising potato flour is cheaper than wheat

rich brown crust, is tender and elastic tains more moisture than ordinary early potatoes at the present time o

As potato flour is not available in this country the Department of Agriculture offers the following recipes for making bread with plain boiled potatoes:

To Make Pour One Pound Louves. Three pounds boiled and peeled po-

tatoes, two and one-quarter pounds trend flour, one and one-half level tablespoons salt, three level tablespoons

To three pounds (five solidly not put off toe long. Many potatoes Agriculture to emphasize certain con-have been frozen by the very severe clusions. packed half plat cupfuls) of the mashed potato add the yeast, which and proper air circulation.

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and other crops during periods of low formation of a crust on top and place prices which sometimes go to waste on out of the way of draughts to rise, where the farms can be profitably sold in a public market place.

the temperature cannot fall below 80 public market place.

degrees F. or be much higher than 88 To give the greatest amount of ser-degrees F. or be much higher than \$8 degrees F. Where the housewife has vice a market place should be under no thermometer she should see that municipal authority and run in such the dough in all the risings is kept moderately warm, but not up to blood heat. Any water used in mixing the It is an old time institution for the dough should be moderately warm, but

To this well risen sponge, which now will be found to be quite soft, add the oughly until a smooth and elastic dough has been formed. The dough must be very stiff, since the boiled cost of nearby grown food crops to potato contains a large amount of consumers and increases the prices re- water which causes the dough to soften as it rises. Do not add water to the dough unless it is absolutely necessary to work in the flour. Set the dough back to rise again—temperature at about 86 degrees F.-until it has trebled in volume, which will require another hour or two. Then divide the the retail prices are actually based dough into four approximately equal parts, reserving a tiny lump weighing two or three ounces for an "indicator." strong support insured by the city. Shape the sample into a ball and press nearby farmers and housewives. It into the bettem of a small tumbler with straight sides. The glass should

> Mold the four portions into loaves and place in greased pans which have been slightly warmed. Place the glass containing the "indicator" beside the temperature, until the "indicator" shows that it has doubled in volume. Then place the loaves in the oven and

and mark the glass at twice this

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will be to put a teaspoonful of flour in an earthen dish in the oven. If this flour becomes light brown evenly throughout in five minutes time the even is right for bread baking. If the flour scorches in that time the oven is Potato Bread-Sponge method-To

make four one pound loaves: Three pounds of boiled and peeled potatoes, two and a quarter pounds of good bread flour, three level tablespoonfuls the potash in the feed. Milk animals of sugar, one and a half level tableappointula of salt, one cake of compressed yeast, four tablespoonfuls of Boll, peel and mash the potatoes as directed in the straight dough method.

In the evening take one and a half pounds, or two and a half solidly packed half pint cupfuls of the cool nashed potato, add to it the salt, four ounces of flour (one scant half pint cupful) and the yeast rubbed smooth with the water, reserving one spoonful to rinse the cup.

In the morning add the remainder of the potato, the sugar and the rest I am aware that this is "easier said than done," unless one manufactures of the flour. Knead theroughly until a smooth and very stiff dough is necessary and farmers must to be it to rise according to the directions way as is given under the straight dough method.

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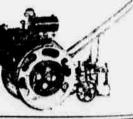
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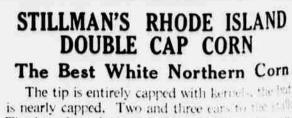
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